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Messrs. G. W. Palmer & Co.

OFFICE OF THE TENNESSEE PATRIOT,
DRESDEN, TENN., Jan 27 1839.

Dear Sir, Gentlemen.

Your favor of the 2nd inst is rec^d. - The articles are expected with some impatience by my pupils.

We had the misfortune to break the plate of our electric machine some days since, owing to its having been untrue. Please send me immediately another - and if the price is not high, send two. Send One platinum igniter, One Archimedes screw pump. One Tantalus' cup. One set brass plates for dancing images. One insulating stool. Glass legs for another. Five pounds zinc. One or two pounds of peroxide of manganese. A bottle of sulphuric acid ($\frac{1}{2}$ Gall.) A bottle of nitric acid. 8 oz carbonate of ammonia. 48 oz nitrate of ammonia. One bottle of spirits of turpentine. 4th chalk. 4th iron filings. 8 oz acetate of lead. One ounce of phosphorus. One Gal. Alcohol. One oz phosphuret lime. 2 oz red oxide mercury 4 oz prussian blue. $\frac{1}{2}$ oz prussic acid. One pound sulphur. Nitrate of silver 6 oz Nitrate of Mercury 4 oz. 6 oz amalgam made of 7 parts of mercury by weight and six parts of silver leaf. $\frac{1}{2}$ pound copper. One pound nitre. One book gold leaf. One bottle murratic acid. One aphlogistic lamp. A small quantity of platinum. A sufficient quantity of mercury to be used in performing experiments on gases. 4 oz murrate of soda. 2 oz Homberg's pyrophorus. 4 oz Carbonate of potash. 2 oz lunar caustic. 6 or 8 different works on Chemistry One of which at least should be very full. Should you find some articles in the above list which you have not on hand, please procure them for me. Unfortunately in this South Western Country we can get nothing of this kind. It is desirable that you ship forthwith.

Our electric machine was bought of you, and is of the \$25 dollar sort.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

J. Leigh

Editor and Proprietor.

Letters should be directed to J. LEIGH, Dresden, West Tenn., and the postage paid, or we shall never know their contents, having resolved to take no unpaid letters from the Post Office.

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LEIGH, J

A.L.S. dated Jan. 27, 1839

LEIGH, J. A.L.S. (mounted), on ornate letterhead of The Tennessee Patriot, Jan. 27, 1839. A curious, full-page letter by an early newspaper editor, reading in part: "...We had the misfortune to break the plate of our electric machine...send one platinum igniter...one set brass plates for dancing images..." etc. The entire letter is devoted to materials which Leigh evidently needs for repair and maintenance of the machine. \$4.00

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